



## BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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### Principal Message

Last week was a **WONDERFUL** week at Brookdale! The theme of the week was Unity through Respect. Students participated in community circles and class discussions on what Unity and Respect look like, sound like, and feel like. At recess (when it wasn't raining), students used chalk to decorate the black-top with writings and drawings that were examples of respect and unity. Miss Mose's class used their math skills to figure out how to write Unity & We Are One on the fence, using solo cups. We also marked the week with an all-school paper-chain and picture on the field (pictures will be loaded on the website soon.) I am so proud of our Bobcats and their work this week!

You will be receiving a survey from the YMCA this week regarding the need for a before/after school care program at Brookdale. Please take time to fill it out and return to the school by Friday, May 4. Your input will help us determine if Brookdale should have a before/after school YMCA program beginning in the fall of 2018. If you have more than one child attending Brookdale you only need to fill out one survey for your family.



**THIS IS CLERICAL APPRECIATION WEEK** - Where would Brookdale be, were it not for the **AMAZING** work of Cindy Yant and Stefanie Thornberg? Mrs. Yant and Mrs. Thornberg are on the front lines making sure that students, parents, and staff have everything they need on a daily basis. Their sunny disposition and helpful nature contribute to a welcoming school-environment. Whether it's organizing the B.O.B.C.A.T. Pride Assemblies, publishing the newsletter, ordering supplies, tracking attendance, helping new families with registration, or providing some extra TLC for a student in need, Mrs. Yant and Mrs. Thornberg are second to none!

**NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY ~ Snow make up day**

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

April 25 ~ 3:30 dismissal

May 2, 9, 16 ~ 2:00 dismissal



**MUFFINS WITH MOM** - Please join us on Friday, May 11, from 8:15 to 8:40 a.m. We invite all moms, grandmas, aunts, or any special women in your child's life to come enjoy milk, coffee, and delicious muffins with your children before school. It is an opportunity to spend a fun half hour with your child, say hello to your child's teacher, and perhaps meet other moms/ladies at the school.

**FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OFF TO CAMP** - This is a reminder that fifth graders will be going to Camp Colman THIS Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and returning on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Please make sure your child brings all needed items from their packing list **and a sack lunch** on Tuesday (no glass or peanut products please) - make sure that all items are clearly marked. Please drive your student to school on Tuesday since the buses cannot accommodate the luggage (no drop offs before 8:40). **Those students not attending camp must come to school as usual.**



3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are now taking the English Language Arts and Math Assessments. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also be tested on Science. Please make sure that your child attends school on his or her testing days, and that your child gets good rest the night before testing.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: April 25, 26, May 31 and June 1

4<sup>th</sup> grade: April 23 - 26 and May 29 - June 1st

5<sup>th</sup> grade: May 1, 8, 9 and June 4 and 5

Excel: April 17 & 18, and May 1, 15 and 16

Most tests last the full day so no early pick-ups or appointments on testing days.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

Registration has begun, between the hours of 9:30 - 3:00 daily. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years of age by August 31, 2018. Enrollees must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. We fill up fast, so register as soon after April 2 as you can. If you have any questions on the registration process, please call 298-3100.

**FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE FRANKLIN PIERCE DISTRICT** - The Franklin Pierce Head Start/ECEAP preschool programs have started accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year! Head Start/ECEAP are FREE, income-based programs serving families with children turning 3 or 4 years old by August 31, 2018. Families must live in the Franklin Pierce School District and staff will assist in determining eligibility. Head Start/ECEAP provides wonderful educational experiences, meals, health services, transportation, and parent involvement opportunities. Interested families may call 253- 298-4675 (option 0) to request an application or go to the Franklin Pierce Early Learning website (<http://elc.fpschools.org/>). Remember to apply soon to secure your child's spot on the waitlist!

**CLOTHING GUIDELINES** - We send along these reminders to help you and your child select clothing that is comfortable, appropriate for warm weather days at school, and meets the school clothing policy. Please refer to the Brookdale Family Resource handbook for further information. The dress code regulations that follow are not designed to inhibit personal taste but to encourage learning, good behavior, and safety. Thank you for your support!



- Crop tops and bare midriffs are not acceptable at school - tummies **MUST** be covered.
- Shorts and skirts are to be **NO SHORTER THAN 2 INCHES** above the knee.
- Straps on shirts & tops **MUST BE** at least 2 inches wide - No spaghetti strapped shirts or dresses.
- Bagging, sagging pants are not allowed.
- No flip flop, open toe, or high heeled shoes. It is very hard for students to keep them on during recess and they are not appropriate for physical education class.

## **OUR BROOKDALE PTA CORNER**



### **CONGRATULATIONS GOLDEN ACORN & OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR**

**RECIPIENTS** - Please join us in congratulating our Golden Acorn recipients, Charity Satiacum and Cindy Yant. These wonderful ladies have been an important part of the Brookdale PTA! Charity has served as treasurer for the PTA the past 2 years and has spent countless hours organizing/running many events and fundraisers. Cindy has been a huge help to PTA over past 16 years working to coordinate events and is our "go to" in the Brookdale office. We would also like to congratulate our outstanding educator recipient Lavonna Miesse. They will be recognized at the Golden Acorn Banquet on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2018-2019 PTA OFFICERS** - We will be electing our new officers at the next PTA meeting on Friday, June 1st at 4:00 pm in the Library. We need at least 10 PTA members present for a quorum. You can nominate yourself or a friend or better yet share a position with someone. PTA is a wonderful opportunity to support and advocate for your children and our school. You must be a PTA member for a minimum of 30 days prior to being voted into a position. If you are interested in a position or would like to nominate someone, please send an email to [brookdaleptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:brookdaleptapresident@gmail.com) or send a note to the office.

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